

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1-14 are pending.

The Examiner objected to the drawings because they do not include certain reference signs mentioned in the description. This objection is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that each reference sign noted as missing in the drawing is present in at least one drawing. In particular, Fig. 2 shows the items 44, 46, 72 and 74. As a courtesy, the Appendix contains Fig. 2 with items 44, 46, 72 and 74 highlighted. In addition, in describing the drawings, the specification recites that “elements having the same reference numeral designations represent like elements throughout”. The Examiner is asked to clarify this objection if the Examiner maintains this objection.

The Examiner objected to the specification. The specification has been amended above to obviate the objections. With regard to the typo in Fig., 4, Fig. 4 has been corrected. A Marked-up Sheet and a Replacement Sheet are provided in the Appendix to this Amendment.

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-13 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of US Patent No 6,459,698. A Terminal Disclaimer accompanies this Amendment to obviate the rejection.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-0687, under Order No. 95-506, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

Highlighted Fig. 2.

Annotated Marked-up Drawing of Fig. 4

Replacement Sheet of Fig. 4